

JAMES McCUTCHEN.

FEBRUARY 29, 1840.

Read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. GIDDINGS, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James McCutchen, report :*

That petitioner claims indemnity for corn, wheat, hogs, and cattle, which he alleges were used and destroyed by the troops of the United States under General Hopkins, in the fall of 1812, at Busserun, in the Territory of Indiana.

The depositions of James D. Dawson, B. McCutchen, Thomas Holden, and — Williams, state that the claimant suffered considerable loss of property, taken from him by the troops under General Hopkins, in the late war. There is no proof that the property was taken by the order of any officer in the service of the United States, or for the use of the troops of the United States ; without such proof, it has been the general practice of the committee to reject claims of this nature.— *Vide* report of Committee of Claims relating to *property lost* in late war, 1st session, 23d Congress, vol. 3, No. 383 ; also President Madison's instructions to the commissioners of claims under the act of 1816.— *American State Papers, vol. —, Claims, page 490.*

The committee are unwilling to depart from such practice in the present case, and therefore recommend to the House, for adoption, the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner is not entitled to relief.

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JAMES MADISON

February 20, 1816

Read and recommended to a Committee of the House to-morrow

Mr. Madison, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James McCutchen, report:

That petitioner claims indemnity for corn, wheat, pigs, and cattle lost in the Illinois Territory, and destroyed by the troops of the United States under General Hopkins in the fall of 1812, at Pleasant Run, in the Territory of Indiana.

The depositions of James D. Harrison, B. McCutchen, Thomas Holden, and ———— Williams state that the claimant suffered considerable loss of property taken from him by the troops under General Hopkins in the late war. There is no proof that the property was taken by the order of any officer in the service of the United States, or for the use of the troops of the United States; without such proof it has been the general practice of the committee to reject claims of this nature. — Vide report of Committee of Claims relating to property lost in late war, 1st session, 23d Congress, vol. 3, No. 323; also President Madison's instructions to the commissioners of claims under the act of 1816. — American State Papers, vol. —, Claims, page 430.

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